

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION  
OPIATE LITIGATION ) MDL 2804  
THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO: )  
*Hospital Cases* ) Case No. 1:17-md-2804  
 ) Judge Dan Aaron Polster  
 ) **ORDER SETTING BELLWETHER**  
 ) **PROCESS FOR HOSPITALS**

On November 13, 2024, the Court set the following deadlines for the Hospitals bellwether selection process:

On or before **12:00 PM, December 5, 2024**, the PEC and Hospitals should notify the Court that they have: (1) agreed upon one bellwether case; or, if they cannot agree, (2) each side should file their selections of two potential bellwether cases.

If the parties do not agree on the bellwether case, they must file a document striking one of the opposing sides' two picked cases, on or before **12:00 PM, December 11, 2024**.

If the parties have agreed on the bellwether case, they must file a joint proposed case management order for the new bellwether case on or before **12:00 PM, December 18, 2024**. If they have not agreed on the bellwether cases, their jointly proposed case management order will be due on or before **12:00 PM, December 23, 2024**.

## **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Dan Aaron Polster November 13, 2024  
**DAN AARON POLSTER**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**